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Liquor or schools? In Week 7 of The Short Answer, mayoral hopefuls address ideas of how to keep millennials in Philadelphia as they transition to parenthood — ranging from improving public schools to letting bars stay open until 4 a.m. Can we have both? PAGE 02

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A Maryland state trooper stands guard during rioting in Baltimore after the funeral of Freddie Gray. / GETTY IMAGES

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The Short Answer: Keeping millenials?

Each week, we ask the mayoral candidates a question. We give them 50 words to answer it. Got a question? Send it to dan.kelley@metro.us

Young folks. Some have talked about keeping bars open until 4 a.m., while others have said good schools will anchor young voters as they transition into parenthood.

"To keep young Philadelphians in the city, we need to provide an environment that is flexible enough to allow them to pursue their career interests — whatever they may be — here in our city. We must continue our focus on sustainable communities and we must fix our broken educational system."
Doug Oliver

"Philadelphia must improve its schools, enhance business services, and engage millennials in government. This generation has grown up on interactive platforms and procedures, and government should take this into account. I will make more government data available to make government more efficient and effective."
Jim Kenney

"I support Rep. Jordan Harris' bill, allowing municipalities to decide which businesses can stay open, and where they're concentrated. It would give Philly an opportunity to create late-night entertainment zones. The additional revenue would be directed to schools — ensuring millennials get the nightlife they want and the schools they need." Tony Williams

"Later hours in Center City would be attractive to millennials. But the biggest reasons Millennials leave Philadelphia are poor schools, lack of jobs and high crime. Fix those core issues — particularly our education system, which is not working as we'd hope and expect — and millennials will stay here in greater numbers."
Nelson Diaz

"To keep millennials in the city, we need to create good-paying jobs. I'm the only candidate with a real and specific plan to bring solutions to upgrade our education and job training, build world-class infrastructure, and ensure a safe, vibrant, livable city so we bring good-paying jobs to Philadelphia."
Lynne Abraham

Kids stop and photograph the tulips

Even these young visitors to the Liberty Bell were putting down their texting and social media apps to take note of the beautiful multicolored tulips now in bloom outside the Visitors Center at Independence Mall, and everyone else should go to check them out, too. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

City Paper. Story on cops arrest Thursday

On Thursday, City Paper will publish its investigation into what a Philadelphia police officer who admitted to perjury was intending to cover up and why it took the district attorney more than three years to file charges.

Officer Christopher Hulmes, 42, a 19-year veteran of the Narcotic Strike Force, was arrested last Thursday and suspended for 30 days with intent to dismiss. Under questioning from a defense lawyer in court in December 2011, Hulmes admitted to lying on a search-warrant application and at a preliminary hearing involving a Kensington drug-and-gun case.

During that lapse, prosecutors continued to call Hulmes to testify in criminal trials that sent drug defendants to prison. Some of those convictions could end up being overturned.

But Hulmes' conduct wasn't investigated until after City Paper published an August 2014 report by Daniel Denvir on the officer's conduct. After publication, police put Hulmes on desk duty and immediately began an investigation.

"The DA's office credited our story with bringing to light the fact that they had mishandled the case. They failed to turn over to defense lawyers information about the perjury," said City Paper editor-in-chief Lillian Swanson. "These are the stories that make a difference in people's lives."

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Shades of Baltimore at city police panel

Philadelphia. A panel on police reform tonight won't avoid the issues of Baltimore, organizers say.

While a mayoral forum on police and criminal justice reform was planned to focus on issues in Philadelphia, the upheaval in Baltimore will "absolutely" be a subject at the forum, said organizer Chris Norris, the CEO and founder of Techbook Online.

"The issue with Baltimore is not transparency; the issue is justice," Norris said, noting that in the case of Freddie Gray, 25, who died after suffering a severed spinal cord while in police custody, Baltimore Police had admitted wrongdoing.

"They've given the names of the police officers. They've admitted fault for not stepping in, not giving him medical attention. To that degree, they've exhibited much more transparency than Ramsey or police did in the death of Brandon Tate-Brown," Norris said.

Tate-Brown, 26, was fatally shot in Mayfair in December after a traffic stop while running for a handgun in his car, police and prosecutors say.

At the forum, Norris said mayoral candidates will be asked to take a stance on proposed legislation called "Brandon's Law" — which would require publicizing all information in officer-involved shootings, including the names of police officers.

Norris believes this kind of legislation could address "the roots" of the disorder in Baltimore.

"I think they should stop condemning all these rioters and focus on the roots of what is happening and why this is happening," he said.

The forum

The forum will be at 6-7:30 p.m. today at Catalyst for Change Church, 3727 Baring St. It is organized by Techbook Online and PhillyDeclaration.org and will feature mayoral candidates Jim Kenney, Milton Street, Doug Oliver, Anthony Hardy Williams, Nelson Diaz and Melissa Murray Bailey. (Lynne Abraham has a scheduling conflict).

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Defense. Cop calls charges against pals a 'kangaroo court'

Sparks flew in federal court Tuesday when a Philadelphia police officer testified in defense of six former colleagues accused of robbing drug dealers.

Officer Sean O'Malley was one of three members of the Narcotics Field Unit - South who were not charged last year in a scathing indictment that alleged, among other things, that officers held a drug suspect over a high-rise balcony to get him to divulge the password to his personal organizer.

O'Malley testified that those allegations were false: "Did not happen," he said.

He called former officer Thomas Liciardello, who prosecutors say was the de facto ring leader of the group, "one of the best narcotics officers I've ever worked with."

His opinion of former officer Jeffrey Walker, the government's star witness who was caught in an FBI sting robbing a drug dealer, was the opposite.

"He was lazy," O'Malley said. "He couldn't do a job from beginning to end on his own." DAN KELLEY

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Tokens, for many, are the symbol of SEPTA's decades-old fare system. SEPTA is currently testing the software and equipment for the new SEPTA Key system. The successful completion of the testing phase is a critical step prior to the launch of the new system and its new fare products.

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Baltimore mayor under scrutiny

Response. Some security experts said the city and its top officials should have been more prepared for an outbreak of violence.

Baltimore's mayor came under criticism on Tuesday for a slow police response to some of the worst urban rioting in the United States in years with shops looted, buildings burned to the ground and 20 officers injured.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said he had called Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake repeatedly Monday but that she held off requesting the National Guard until three hours after violence first erupted following the funeral for Freddie Gray.

"The mayor of Baltimore had the city of Baltimore police on the ground. Quite frankly, they were overwhelmed. All the rest of the [boots] on the ground came from us," the Republican governor said the day after declaring a state of emergency in the largely black city.

The death of Freddie Gray gave new energy to the public outcry that flared last year after police killings of unarmed black men in Ferguson, New York City and elsewhere. For nearly a week after Gray died from a spinal injury, protests in Baltimore had been peaceful, and the mayor said she wanted to avoid a heavy-handed response.

After a night of looting and arson that burned 19 buildings and left one person in critical condition, largely peaceful protesters amassed in front of police lines.

One burst of violence by a lone man was met by police with pepper spray, sending protesters scattering.

"They tore the city down last night, and today we're trying to rebuild it again," said Perry Hopkins, who formed a line of men from the community separating police from the crowd.

Volunteers armed with brooms cleaned up debris from burned and looted buildings in the city of 620,000 people.

REUTERS

City unrest

Baltimore Orioles home game will be played but closed to public

The Baltimore Orioles said Wednesday's home game against the Chicago White Sox will be played, but it will be closed to the public, as unrest in the city continues following the death of a man in police custody.

The Orioles said weekend games scheduled for Baltimore against the Tampa Bay Rays will be played instead in St. Petersburg, Florida. Games that were to have been played on Monday and Tuesday against the White Sox were postponed and will be made up on May 28.

REUTERS

Tweeted

Tomorrow's [Wednesday's] game between the Orioles and the Chicago White Sox will begin at 2:05 p.m. ET and will be closed to the public.

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Police outside Oriole Park at Camden Yards / GETTY IMAGES

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake / GETTY IMAGES

Baltimore residents clean streets following the riots. / GETTY IMAGES

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1 US top court divided on gay marriage

The U.S. Supreme Court appeared sharply divided on Tuesday on whether the Constitution guarantees a right to same-sex marriage, but pivotal Justice Anthony Kennedy seemed to inch cautiously toward legalizing gay nuptials.

In two and a half hours of arguments, the nine black-robed justices peppered lawyers on both sides of the issue with questions in the landmark case centering on a contentious social issue but appeared split as they often do along ideological lines.

Kennedy, a conservative who often casts the deciding vote in close cases and has a history of backing gay rights, posed tough questions to both sides but seemed to give hope to gay marriage advocates by stressing the nobility and dignity of same-sex couples.

At one point during the arguments in the decorous courtroom, a protester shouted that the justices would "burn in hell" if they backed gay marriage. He was dragged by police from the packed courtroom. **REUTERS**

Gay rights protesters kiss outside the Supreme Court. / GETTY IMAGES

2 Selerity reveals Twitter results ahead of schedule

Twitter had lower-than-expected quarterly revenue, according to market data firm Selerity, which revealed the earnings numbers before the company's scheduled announcement.

Twitter, which allows users to broadcast 140-character messages, had revenue of $436 million in the first quarter, according to Selerity.

Excluding items, the company earned 7 cents per share, Selerity said on its Twitter page.

Analysts on average had expected Twitter to earn 4 cents per share on revenue of $456.8 million, according to Thomson Reuters. **METRO**

3 NTSB investigating Texas nurse's fatal fall from helicopter

U.S. air safety officials are investigating the death of a veteran flight nurse who fell as she was attempting to lift an injured hiker into a hovering helicopter during a rescue in a rugged Texas recreational area, officials said on Tuesday.

Officials with Travis County STAR Flight said Kristin McLain, 46, was guiding a woman who had fallen in the Austin park area into a medical helicopter when she fell from the hoist on Monday night. McLain was pronounced dead at the scene. **REUTERS**

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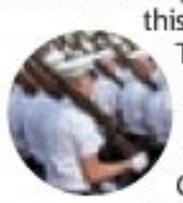
4 Citadel investigation finds 19 cases of hazing

Nineteen hazing cases have been confirmed out of 85 allegations of misconduct reported this year at The Citadel military college in South Carolina, according to findings released by the school on Tuesday.



The hazing probe marked an unprecedented effort by the college to take stock of such behavior. The investigation began in February after the school's commandant of cadets ordered all freshmen to report any possible hazing incidents they had experienced or witnessed. **REUTERS**

5 Man in prison after four DUI stops in 48 hours

A Rhode Island man was arrested four times in less than 48 hours for drunken driving.

A Providence judge sentenced John Lourenco, 53, to two years in prison and two years probation.

Lourenco's troubles began on Sept. 14, 2014, when he hit an SUV in Providence.

At about 7 a.m. the next morning, he again collided with a car. Police said his blood alcohol was well over the legal limit. He was arrested about four hours later, when he was stopped for driving erratically and again at about 5 p.m., when he crashed a dump truck into a tree. **REUTERS**

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Firing squad

Media says drug convicts executed in Indonesia, but Filipina spared

Eight drug-trafficking convicts from several countries were executed by an Indonesian firing squad shortly after midnight on Wednesday, media said, but a Filipina who was on death row with them was unexpectedly spared at the last minute.

There was no official confirmation that the eight had been executed.

Earlier, Jakarta rejected last-ditch pleas from around the world for clemency to be granted to the drug traffickers from Nigeria, Australia, Brazil and Indonesia, ordering their mass execution to proceed within hours.

A spokesman for the attorney general's office said the execution of Mary Jane Veloso, a mother of two who was arrested in 2010 after she arrived in Indonesia with 2.6 kilograms of heroin hidden in her suitcase, had been delayed.

He said the delay came in response to a request from Manila after a drug courier gave herself up to police in the Philippines on Tuesday.

REUTERS

Indonesian activists /GETTY IMAGES

Earthquake victims still stranded, PM says toll could be 10,000

Aftermath. The government has yet to assess the full scale of the damage.

People stranded in remote villages and towns across Nepal were still waiting for aid and relief to arrive on Tuesday, four days after a devastating earthquake destroyed buildings and roads and killed more than 4,600 people.

Prime Minister Sushil Koirala told Reuters the death toll could reach 10,000 as information of damage from far-flung villages and towns has yet to come in.

That would surpass the 8,500 who died in a 1934 earthquake, the last disaster on this scale to hit the Himalayan nation.

In Jharibar, a village in the hilly Gorkha district of Nepal close to the quake's epicenter, Sunthalia dug for hours in the rubble of her collapsed home on Saturday to recover the bodies of two of her children, a 10-year-old daughter and 8-year-old son.

Another son, aged 4, miraculously survived.

In Barpak, farther north, rescue helicopters were unable to find a place to land. On Tuesday, soldiers had started to make their way overland, first by bus then by foot.

Army helicopters also circled over Laprak, another village in the district best known as the home of Gurkha soldiers.

A local health official estimated that 1,600 of the 1,700 houses there had been razed. Helicopters dropped food packets in the hope that survivors could gather them up.

In Sindhupalchowk, about 3.5 hours by road northeast of Kathmandu, the earthquake was followed by landslides, killing 1,182 people and seriously injuring 376. A local official said he feared many more were trapped, and more aid was needed.

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A young victim of the earthquake looks up at the camera as she waits at a makeshift camp in Kathmandu, Nepal. / GETTY IMAGES

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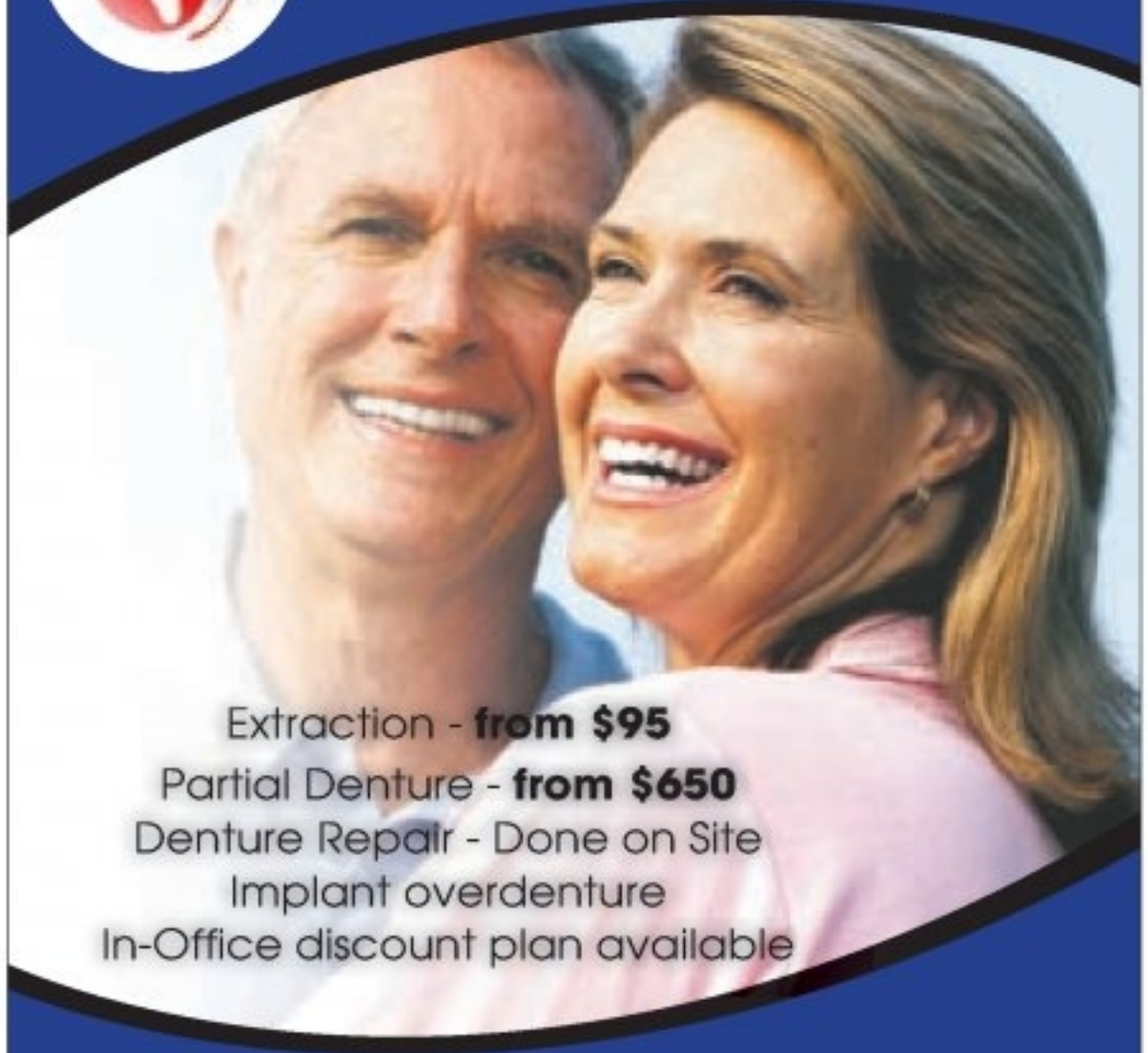

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Video. Commission approves policy for LA police bodies cameras

A police officer shows off a body camera. / GETTY IMAGES

The Los Angeles Police Commission approved a policy on Tuesday clearing the way for the widespread use of body cameras by patrol officers in the second-largest U.S. city, as tensions rise in the United States over police use-of-force incidents.

Mayor Eric Garcetti said in December the city would equip 7,000 Los Angeles Police Department officers with the devices over the next two years to capture their day-to-day interactions with civilians.

The commission's 3-1 vote on rules governing the use of the devices brings Los Angeles closer to becoming the largest U.S. city to put body cameras into widespread use. New York, Chicago and Washington are conducting pilot programs to test the cameras and evaluate their worth.

Officials are also testing the use of body cameras by officers in Baltimore, which on Monday saw riots following several days of protests over the death of a black man who suffered a fatal spine injury while in police custody.

The rules approved by the Los Angeles police commission require officers to turn on the body cameras when they pull over drivers, make arrests, engage in foot pursuits, transport suspects and interview witnesses and victims, among other times.

Hector Villagra, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said in a statement the plan for use of the body cameras has "serious flaws."

Villagra criticized the decision not to require release of the footage to the public after shootings. He also took issue with a part of the policy that lets officers involved in shootings review footage from a body camera before making their statements to investigators. REUTERS

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How to keep your finances more organized

Expert hacks. Find out how to keep track of all your spending and important documents, without it taking over your life.

Now that tax season is over, it's the perfect time to organize all your financial documents. / ISTOCK

Tax season is the perfect time to sort through your financial documents, but it can be tricky to know what you should keep versus what is OK to let go of. Three certified public accountants share their expert tips here:

Kelley Long, a Chicago CPA and personal financial specialist, tries to generate as little paperwork as possible, opting for electronic records instead. "The IRS accepts electronic records," says Long, resident financial adviser with Financial Finesse in Chicago. "There's no need to keep paper. That's the one thing they're modern about."

Long keeps a folder on her computer desktop for the current year's tax documents. If a document comes to her in paper form, she scans it, saves it in the folder and shreds the original. She converts emails documenting charitable contributions and other tax-related expenses into PDF files by choosing the "print" function and then "save as PDF."

Long saves copies of her calendar to help corroborate business-related travel, meetings and other costs. At the end of the year, she downloads her bank and credit card statements into the folder.

Finally, Long maintains a spreadsheet where she logs each business-related expense. Software such as Quicken or QuickBooks can perform a similar function, but she prefers the simplicity of a spreadsheet. She also has the Expensify app on her phone to record receipts and other business-related expenses on the go.

Quoted

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Kelley Long, resident financial adviser with Financial Finesse

ShoeBox is another app that can help people keep their tax records together. Clare Levison, a certified public accountant in Blacksburg, Virginia, warns against spending too much time trying out different apps, especially if the learning curve is steep.

"If it's not relatively easy, then it defeats the purpose," says Levison, author of the book "Frugal Isn't Cheap: How to Spend Less, Save More, and Live Better." "You need to come up with a system that works for you, that saves you time and that you'll actually use on a regular basis."

Levison uses a flash drive and Microsoft Cloud for her backups, while CPA Leonard Wright of San Diego recommends Box as a more secure alternative to DropBox.

One app that Wright — who survived four consecutive audits by the IRS — swears by is MilelQ, which automatically tracks the miles you drive based on your phone's GPS. Each trip shows up separately in the app, and users simply swipe left or right to classify each as business or personal.

"We all get busy and you forget to track everywhere you go," says Wright, a personal finance specialist who typically drives more than 70,000 miles a year for his job as a financial adviser with Northwestern Mutual. "This does it for you. It's effortless." REUTERS

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Tips for saving money when buying your kid a cell phone

Family finances. Before signing up for a long-term investment, check out these ways to save.

A new study from Pew Research Center discovered that only 12 percent of American teens age 13-17 do not have a cell phone of any type. To make the correct call, though, do the math to be sure you are ready for far-reaching consequences. After all, it's not just a one-time purchase that parents are agreeing to but a stiff monthly charge that could last for many years.

If you get your 12-year-old a plan that costs, say, $50 a month, that will set you back $4,200 through age 18. And that's not even including any ancillary costs like equipment and upgrades, repairs and app purchases. Data overages, especially if your kids are video watchers, could inflict significant extra damage.

Indeed, 23 percent of households report paying much more for their kids' phone plans than they originally expected, according to a study by the National Consumers League.

By the numbers

$4,200

Total amount your child's cell phone plan could cost you from ages 12 to 18.

That doesn't have to be the case if you are thoughtful about how your decisions will affect household finances. Here are some suggestions:

Start with baby steps

1 A basic cell with phone and texting capability can be very reasonable indeed; Sprint, for instance, offers a "WeGo" starter phone for only $9.99 a month. There are also prepaid plans available, with varying restrictions on minutes and data, and low-cost handsets. T-Mobile, for instance, offers a $40-a-month prepaid plan with unlimited talk, text and data on its own network, and 1 GB of nationwide LTE data. With hard limits in place, parents are essentially saving themselves from any unwanted bill surprises.

Go for the family plan

2 If your kids prove responsible with their new gadgets and aren't constantly calling or texting their buddies late into the night, then you can talk about graduating to more elaborate phones and plans. When you are all ready, every major carrier offers a version of a family share plan, like Verizon's More Everything and AT&T's Mobile Share Value.

Have the money talk

3 "The question that must always be discussed is, 'Who will pay for what?'" says Mark LaSpisa, a planner with Vermillion Financial in South Barrington, Illinois. "It's critical to talk about it in advance of a child receiving their first phone."

For an 8- or 9-year-old, it is unfair to expect anything beyond a token contribution. But teens who have their own income from part-time or summer work can start chipping in to cover part of the bill. REUTERS

Twenty-five percent of kids ages 8 and 9 have a cell phone, according to the 2015 Parents, Kids & Money survey by Baltimore money managers T. Rowe Price. / ISTOCK

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Patton Oswalt is trying to warn everyone, Mick Jagger is getting ready, Mindy Kaling is geeking out, Gina Rodriguez is opening up and Jeff Ross is keeping his priorities straight.

@pattonoswalt: Does everyone realize that after 7 days those MyIdol avatars crawl out of your computer and slit your throat while you sleep?

@MickJagger: Warming up my moves for the ZIP CODE tour! See you very soon North America

@mindykaling: The two best pieces of casting in the past twenty years in any movie: Hugh Jackman as Wolverine and Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark. #marvel

@HereIsGina: Confession: I elephant walk on the regular. Boom. All truth.

@realjeffreyross: Earthquake in Nepal... Riots in Baltimore... I hope Kendall Jenner is okay.

1 The real reason they killed off McDreamy

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Now that you've recovered from the sudden death of Patrick Dempsey's "Grey's Anatomy" character, it's time to dig into exactly why McDreamy had to go and slip this mortal TV coil. "Shonda [Rhimes] had no other choice but to fire Patrick. He had been showing up late and was holding up production because he couldn't remember his lines," a source tells Radar Online. "Shonda shouldn't be blamed. This is on Patrick and no one else." And apparently Rhimes gave Dempsey a chance to fix his behavior, but he didn't take it. "There was definitely a lot going on in Patrick's personal life with the breakdown of his marriage, and Shonda had been very understanding," the source explains. "He was suspended mid-season and was given another chance to get back on track. But when Patrick returned, there was a chip on his shoulder, and the cast was being impacted." So impacted, as it turns out, that he reportedly didn't even get a going-away party from his cast mates. And even Katherine Heigl got a going-away party!

2 Sorry, Aussies, no Sam Smith for you

TORONTO STAR VIA GETTY IMAGES

British crooner Sam Smith is being forced to sit out his upcoming Australian tour because of some rather nasty-sounding voice-related health issues. "I am deeply, deeply saddened to tell my Australian fans [that] I have to cancel my Australian tour," Smith posted to Instagram. "I have been vocally exhausted for a while now. However, last night in Sydney I had a small hemorrhage on my vocal cords. The doctors have told me I need to fully rest until my vocal cords have healed, otherwise this could become a huge long-term issue." He also mentioned plans to reschedule the canceled shows before closing with the not-at-all-melodramatic "This kills me." Get well soon.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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3 No 'Friends' reunion? Blame Schwimmer.

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Courteney Cox has some simple advice to anyone still asking about a potential "Friends" reunion: "Let it go," she says during a recent Q&A session with Yahoo News. "We're not doing it. It's just not going to happen. We've gotten about 80 percent there, but there's always one person who flakes at the end." When pressed about who might be the most notorious no-show of the six cast members, Cox says, "I'm not going to name names, but it may not be [David] Schwimmer." So it totally is David Schwimmer. Got it.

4 And the Sexiest Woman in the World is...

A British soap star you've probably never heard of. At least according to FHM, that is. The lad magazine has dubbed "Coronation Street" star Michelle Keegan 2015's Sexiest Woman in the World after coming in second last year and fourth in 2013. Kendall Jenner takes second place this year, while Jennifer Lawrence, last year's title-holder, drops to third. The list — which tallies up 100 women — was determined via an online poll, with more than 1 million votes cast. "It's great to see a hugely talented U.K. actress take the top spot," FHM editor Joe Barnes says. Sure, fine, but we're really saying Kendall Jenner is sexier than Jennifer Lawrence? I don't think I can get on board with this.

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Daily video

CRACKED, YOUTUBE

Action-packed brunch

You think your weekends are intense? Check out Cracked's new YouTube sketch "What Action Heroes Do Between Movies," which pits some buff, gravelly voiced tough guys against a relaxing Saturday morning. As they say — over and over and over again — you're going to want to take a look at this.

Eagles mascot Swoop and linebacker Brandon Graham pitched in at Greenfield Elementary School during Comcast Cares Day. / HUGHE DILLON

KATE GOSSELIN AND THE DUGGARS TEAM UP

The mustached part of **Hall & Oates**, onetime Philly native **John Oates**, revealed two things over the weekend: First, he signed a book deal with **St. Martin's Press** for a detailed memoir. The other, which he told **Vanyaland.com**, is how much he hates the name "Hall & Oates."

Fishtown's **Mycopolitan Mushroom Co.** is Philly's first mushroom farm, growing gourmet mushroom varieties using solely sustainable methods. They'll host a five-course dinner at their neighborhood restaurant, **Kensington Quarters**, on April 30 with KQ chef **Damon Menapace**.

If you want a food festival where you do more than stuff your face, **Taste of the Nation**, May 3 at the Loews Hotel at 12th and Market, is the ticket. **Creekstone Farms beef consultant/chef David Katz** will host a food trivia quiz show for competing chefs during the event, while you dine on fine fare from restaurants like **Aldine** and **Fork** and drink with bartenders from **Olde Bar** and **Vesper**. The event supports **No Kid Hungry**, part of the anti-hunger organization **Share Our Strength**.

Buddy Valastro from TLC's **"Cake Boss"** spent Monday hosting a bake sale outside **Carlo's Bake Shop** at 21st and Walnut, with proceeds also going to **No Kid Hungry**. Speaking of TLC, they'll host a network block party with **Kate Gosselin** of **"Kate Plus Eight,"** the **Duggar family** of **"19 Kids and Counting"** and more at Penn's Landing Great Plaza on May 30.

Our own **Bradley Cooper** just earned a **Tony** nomination for his lead role in Broadway's **"The Elephant Man."**

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Seen on the scene

- Local comedian **Joe Conklin** presented a "double roast" for former **Phillies Lenny Dykstra** and **Mitch Williams** at **Electric Factory** last Thursday for the **Philly Sports Roast** with weather dude **John Bolaris**, **WIP's Al Morganti**, **93.3 WMMR's Matt Cord** and more lobbing good-natured insults at the baseball greats.

- **Philadelphia Futures' "Get in the Game"** event on Thursday for low-income college students at the newly opened **South Bowl** was hosted by **Phillies** catcher **Carlos Ruiz** and got a visit from Phillies chairman **David Montgomery**.

- **Philadelphia Eagles' Brandon Graham** and **Swoop** were at **Greenfield Elementary School** in Center City on Saturday, as part of the 15th annual **Comcast Cares Day**.

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TV watch list

DRAMA

'Arrow'

Arrow finds himself going through a transformation this week. Do you think it'll be like those before and after images in an infomercial? That guy looks like the after image for pretty much any product.
8 P.M., CW

DO YOU THINK THE TRANSFORMATION ARROW GOES THROUGH IS TURNING THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN?
DEAN BUSCHER, THE CW

MOVIE

'The Casual Vacancy'

The first episode of HBO's adaptation of J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults airs. But don't worry: Professor Dumbledore (Michael Gambon) is in it, to help you adjust.
8 P.M., HBO

REALITY

'Best Bars in America'

Comedian Aisha Tyler is a guest on tonight's episode, which explores speakeasies. **9 P.M., ESQUIRE**

TALK SHOWS

'Conan'

"iZombie" fans, take note: Series star Rose McIver is stopping by "Conan" tonight, as is your old "Friend" Matthew Perry. **11 P.M., TBS LISA WEIDENFELD**

A black woman learns shocking Nazi heritage

Memoir. Jennifer Teege, a German-Nigerian, shares the realization of learning her grandfather was a Nazi leader.

Growing up in her adoptive family, Jennifer Teege knew very little about her biological familial background. Her adoption was open, so she knew the names of her mother and father, and she had sporadic contact with her mother and grandmother until she was 7, but she had very little information beyond that.

It wasn't until decades later that she happened to pull a library book off the shelf, open it and see photos of her mother and grandmother. She also shockingly discovered that her grandfather was Amon Goeth, the Nazi commandant who was played by Ralph Fiennes in "Schindler's List." We talk to Teege about her journey of self-discovery.

Do you think growing up in an adoptive family made you more curious about your family history?
I think in general, when you're adopted, there's a piece missing so you always want to find out more. In my case, I was so obviously [adopted] because of the color of my skin; I looked different from my adoptive family. So there was a part of my identity that I needed to explore.

What was it like finding the book, when you discovered this big family secret?
It was a two-fold shock. First, I had this book in my hand about my mother, and I hadn't seen my mother in many, many years. Suddenly this book was telling [a story about] my mother I had no knowledge about. The second shock was actually reading the book and learning about her, my grandmother and my grandfather.

After finding the book, you started researching more and eventually even reconnected with your mother. What prompted you to keep digging?
That's my personality. It was impossible for me to stop. I think finding out the truth is something someone should do. If feelings come up, you can't just put them in a closet. It will haunt you or come back to you, like a boomerang.

What was it like reconnecting with your mother?
It took me a year and a half to contact my mother because I was angry. Not only did my mother never tell me that this book existed, I wasn't even in it. But over time, I realized my mother was like this because of her upbringing. My mother suffered even more than me because my grandfather was her father. It's important to acknowledge this feeling of anger because if you pretend it's not there, it will always come back.

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Jennifer Teege's book, "My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me," is out now. / PROVIDED

Reader response

Sparking talk

Have you had any memorable responses to the book?
So many. It was important to me that the book was published in Israel and when that happened, people received me with open arms. I met with survivors [of the Holocaust] and that was a very important step in my journey. Also, the book is widely talked about in Germany, a place where the Holocaust is not widely discussed within the families. But I don't feel the need to connect to other descendents of perpetrators. Dealing with that is very individual. I don't let [my ancestry] define me. I can't deny it, but it's only one part.

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YouTube stars spinning home videos into gold

Internet. Anyone can be famous.

Hannah Hart never sought fame. The YouTube star majored in Japanese and English literature at UC Berkeley and worked as a proofreader at a translation firm after graduation.

"I had hoped one day I could get a career in entertainment, but it seemed like too scary of a thing to pursue," she says.

But Hart had a lucky break one day in 2011 when she uploaded a jokey video of herself cooking while drunk; she just wanted to send the video to her friend.

But then the comments started rolling in.

"I said, 'This is so weird. Why are all these strangers calling it a show and asking for another episode?'" she remembers. Hart made the wise decision to please her newfound fans.

One and a half years after her first upload, Hart was finally making enough money to make her YouTube channel a full-time job.

Now, Hart's face is plastered on ads around New York City: You may recognize her if your commute takes you through Union Square station. She has more than 1.8 million subscribers on YouTube, a best-selling book and a nationwide volunteer initiative.

Hart's not alone. Tyler Toney of the trick shot YouTube channel Dude Perfect remembered how hard it was for him to make the decision to quit his job as a salesperson to focus on his channel.

"It was really scary at the time, but it was really validated for us just a few weeks after because we started hitting on all cylinders — we had brands knocking down the doors," says Toney. His channel now has 4.45 million subscribers, celebrity fans (and guests) and business partnerships with brands.

Zayna Aston, spokesperson for YouTube, says there are thousands of YouTube users making six figures through their channels. YouTube content creators mostly make money through sharing ad revenue with YouTube.

It shouldn't be too surprising that YouTube stars can pave a sustainable ca-

Grace Helbig gets weird for viewers. / ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED BY YOUTUBE

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"I had hoped one day I could get a career in entertainment, but it seemed like too scary of a thing to pursue." Hart

"YouTube has democratized access to video creation. It has given anyone who wants one a mouthpiece." Aston

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"My Drunk Kitchen" host Hannah Hart cooks up the laughs.

YouTube stars to watch

1. **Hank Green (over 2.5 million subscribers on Vlogbrothers):** Green and his brother goof off with listicles, songs and how-tos on Vlogbrothers.

2. **Grace Helbig (2.1 million subscribers):** The spunky comedienne riffs on trends with guests.

3. **Hannah Hart (1.8 million subscribers):** Hart cooks up punchlines on My Drunk Kitchen.

4. **Dude Perfect (4.45 million subscribers):** The Dudes show off trick shots and talk sports with celebs.

5. **Cassey Ho (2.1 million subscribers):** Ho demos workouts and offers health advice on Blogilates.

reer through the online video-sharing platform; the website has over 1 billion unique visitors a month. User PewDiePie has more than 36 million subscribers — that's more than the entire population of Canada.

The beauty of the format, though, is that there are no barriers or greenlighting processes.

"YouTube has democratized access to video creation," says Aston. "It has given anyone who wants one a mouthpiece."

Aston says many of the most popular YouTube channels deliver highly targeted content. "There are creators who say they couldn't find content they wanted to watch, so they created it, which is why you have such a diversity of creators," she explains.

Unlike television shows, YouTube creators are not necessarily attempting to create mass appeal. "I don't care about having everyone in America like me," says Hart. "I just want to attract people who like what I do. I don't want to make it mass consumable, ignorant programming."

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Fast facts

- One billion unique users visit YouTube each month.
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'A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night'

Apparently, all it takes to make it is to make a black-and-white Iranian feminist vampire western, with fatty chunks of David Lynch and Bela Tarr in it. That's what happened to filmmaker Ana Lily Amirpour, who last year went from obscurity to getting Keanu Reeves, Jim Carrey and Diego Luna to star in her cannibal love-story follow-up. Her breakthrough is more than just a unique mash-up. Following a young, stylish bloodsucker (Sheila Vand), it creates a mood at once sinister and silly, prone to takedowns of patriarchal men as well as scenes of her grooving to '80s synth pop. Watch it loud, especially because there are long stretches of disquieting silence that make the moments of joy that much more joyful.

Sheila Vand plays a vampire in a chador in "A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night." / KINO

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Al Pacino currently has a sleeper hit in "Danny Collins," but his previous film is even more accomplished. Based on a disastrous and much-loathed self-parody of a Philip Roth novel about an aging actor who converts a lesbian (Greta Gerwig), it overcomes its sketchy premise through Pacino's committedly exhausted turn. Even better, Gerwig is cast delightfully against type, ditching her awkward shtick to play an enjoyably strident, bossy type with full confidence in her every utterance.

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'Crank'

Jason Statham is largely wasted in "Furious 7," and we say that as huge fans of his greatest accomplishment: the two "Crank" films, which use the bullet-headed British badass as the growling straight man at the center of some truly madcap insanity. Indeed, the sequel, "High Voltage," makes the original seem almost staid. But there's still plenty to enjoy, like when Statham — as a gangster who needs periodic bursts of electricity to keep his failing heart going — revs himself up with public sex and defibrillators.

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Love where you live

The top six things new homeowners should know

Ken Collier of The Family Handyman tells us how to improve and protect our biggest investment.

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At first, being a homeowner is an exciting power trip. You can paint with abandon, plow through walls that don't respect your vision and fire those miserable, outdated cabinets. Fluorescent kitchen lights? Laminate flooring? Zero-flow showerhead? See you never.

But unfortunately, your liberated new pad doesn't come with a building handyman. And now that your landlord is, well, you, there's more at stake.

Before you knock down something you shouldn't, we checked in with Ken Collier, editor-in-chief of The Family Handyman magazine as well as the new book "100 Things Every Homeowner Must Know." Here are his top tips for newbie homeowners:

Some home projects sound more daunting than they actually are, like installing a floor. ISTOCK

Don't be afraid to DIY

Think of working on your new home as a bonding experience. One project that appears more difficult than it actually is? Installing a new floor. "It seems like a huge job, but new types of flooring can be as simple to install as snapping LEGO blocks together," says Collier. "It's not to say there aren't difficult floors — carpeting and traditional hardwood and vinyl, for example — but there are thousands of great options in easy-to-install flooring."

Spring project

If you have central air, now is the time to check on it. "A great spring maintenance task is to clean the outside unit," says Collier. "It will lower your electric bill and lengthen the life of your system, and many people never think to do it." For instructions, visit FamilyHandyMan.com.

...Or call in a contractor

When a project is out of your league, admit defeat and call a professional. Contrary to popular belief, finding a good contractor isn't difficult. "It's really simple, but people just avoid doing it," says Collier. "Ask your neighbors, then ask a pro for references. Services like Angie's List and Porch are very effective as well."

Bonus: How to extinguish a grease fire

Chances are, you will have a grease fire at some point, and your natural instincts will fail you miserably. "Don't try to carry the pan outside and don't put water on it — both can spread the fire badly," says Collier. "Just smother the fire with a large lid, pour baking soda on it or use a small kitchen fire extinguisher."

Secure your garage

Garages are often overlooked when it comes to home security. "The service door is often flimsy and not reinforced well. Once a thief is in the garage, it's often easy to get inside the house," says Collier. "Also, people leave their garage-door opener in plain sight in their car. Thieves sometimes break the car window and use the opener to gain access."

Meet your new BFF: painter's tape

You don't have to hire a professional painter — but you do have to buy some painter's tape. Or rather, a lot of painter's tape. Collier recommends stocking up on one- and two-inch wide varieties (the good stuff — no skimping here). "Tape paper to the baseboard to protect the floor," he says. "Put a strip along the top of the baseboard like a little shelf to keep splatters from landing on the baseboard. Mask your outlets. Mask around windows and door trim. It's great stuff!"

Seal and save

Your drafty house is leaking money year-round — cool air-conditioned money and toasty heated money. "Work on sealing the leaks and cracks around your doors and windows. They say that in an average house, they add up to the equivalent of having a window open," says Collier. "Caulk and weather strip do wonders."

Lighten up with DIY curtains.

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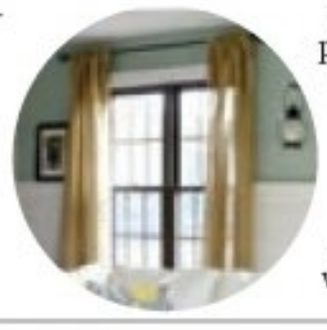
One creative, super-simple way to spruce up your home for spring is to change out heavy curtains for light, airy drapes. The good news is that letting the light in doesn't mean you have to spend a fortune on new decor.

Instead, check out these budget-friendly DIY projects that'll leave your windows looking like they came out of an Anthropologie catalogue.

Try a burlap spin

Burlap isn't necessarily a fabric that traditionally seems like spring, but (if done right) it can actually give your living room a crisp, fresh feel. Another kicker? It's a no-sew project that's relatively inexpensive to pull off.

"Our family room had so many windows that I needed to find an inexpensive way to add drapery without breaking the bank," says Jessica Bruno of the blog Four Generations One Roof. "I purchased burlap for under $2 a yard and made my own no-sew curtains."



Bruno completed the look with just three and a half yards of burlap, which covered 10 large windows.

Swap out heavy winter curtains for lighter ones you made yourself.
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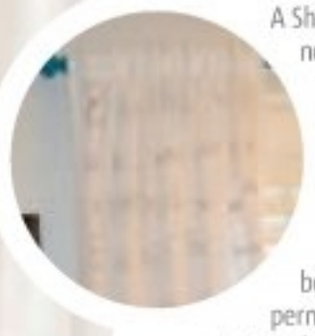
Give them the ombre look

Who says the ombre look only applies to hair? Achieving an equally edgy fade with your curtains is actually easier than you might think. June Olsen, the creator of Nostalgiecat, got started with white lace curtains she picked up at Ikea. From there, she mixed a few packs of Dylon dye to create varying shades of blue.

"This really is as easy as dip-and-dye," she says. "Just make sure you wear gloves, as I ended up looking like a Smurf after doing mine!"

Your best tool in this case is gravity — hang the curtains on a clothesline while the bottom sits in the bucket of dye. This will help create a gradual ombre effect, as opposed to a separation between shades.

Cover them in handwritten messages



A Sharpie is all you need to pull off this look, which uses your own handwriting and some creative messaging. Just be sure to use a permanent marker, not a paint pen. Putting a piece of cardboard under the curtains while writing is also a good idea.

"The hardest part is deciding what to write," says Karen Cooper of Dogs Don't Eat Pizza. For her kitchen curtains, Cooper decided to write a variety of cooking-related words (like "bake," "mix" and "stir") in varying cursives and prints.

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An update on 2116 Chestnut

What's the latest on Rittenhouse's newest high-rise?

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The Rittenhouse neighborhood's cluster of posh buildings has long held a spot high on the list of the city's ritziest, even as high-price peers have blossomed on the banks of both rivers and across neighborhoods like Old City and Callowhill.

But as desirable as those addresses may be, the area can feel stodgy. That's especially true given the dated vibes of some of the area's most visible buildings (and, at times, their residents).

The developers of 2116 Chestnut, the neighborhood's first new residential high-rise in years, tried to change that by attracting a younger, millennial crowd with a modern look and fresher-than-average amenities.

The 34-story tower's 321 units are predominantly one-bedrooms and studios, to appeal to young professionals, ranging from around $1,700 a month to over $4,000 for the largest two-bedroom. And though the building's exterior might lack the character of the rowhouses below, its glassy design means sunlight flowing through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Drawn-out opening

But the building still hasn't reached a steady state: When welcoming residents last year, it did so on a staggered basis while the initially publicized midsummer opening of its ground-floor retail spaces came and went.

That 9,000-square-foot retail space was slated to house Chicago-based modern Mexican restaurant Mercadito plus an attached, speakeasy-inspired cocktail bar called Double A. But it's still unfinished, and an opening timeline is uncertain as the company behind the concepts has seen recent expansions to New York and Miami go south.

To add to that uncertainty, the entire property was put up for sale earlier this year. Naturally, that carries some likelihood of changes for current or prospective residents, but building representatives insist that no notable differences are on the horizon.

2116 Chestnut includes 321 units. The majority are studios and one-bedroom apartments. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Millennial amenities

The extras at 2116 begin with the usual perks: a fitness center, space for meetings and parties and an attached garage. But in line with the developers' bid to attract young professionals, they extend to more of-the-moment conveniences, including indoor bike storage, a deck with a green roof and a hot tub and even a dog run for residents who don't want to schlep to the park. And, of course, that attached garage is a car-share location.

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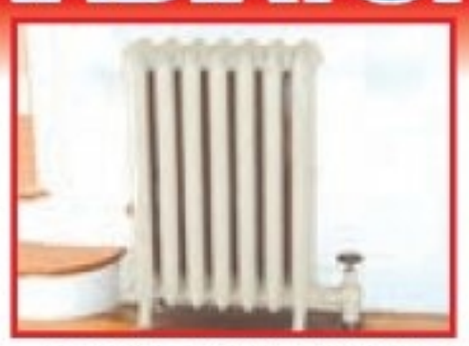

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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21 Turn up the heat. If you have been waiting for someone else to take the lead, you will fall short of your goal.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20 A relationship with a new acquaintance will make a close friend jealous. Don't let anyone bully you into making a donation you have doubts about.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22 Don't be too timid to ask for help. If you are experiencing a roadblock, make your difficulties known and you will receive help.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22 Don't sign on the dotted line before doing research. Giving in to someone's manipulative tactics will have expensive repercussions.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Deal with whatever is troubling you. The outcome will not be as negative as you fear. Get in touch with someone from your past.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Get involved in issues that are important to you. Volunteering your time or knowledge to a worthy cause will give you a sense of pride and satisfaction.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Recent changes at home will come to an amicable conclusion. Your mercurial mood will throw off rivals.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You have a lot on your plate, but there's nothing you can't handle if you work hard. Romance is highlighted, making this an ideal time to get together with someone special.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make the most of a good thing. An original plan has fabulous fiscal possibilities. This is a good time to close a deal.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Be open to new possibilities. There is no need to stay stuck in a rut. Broaden your scope to other areas.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20 Anxiety will lead to uncertainty. Concentrate on your emotional, mental and physical health, and don't allow anyone to make you feel guilty.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20 Now is the time to take action. Make the best choice for you. Don't let anyone talk you out of doing what makes you feel most comfortable. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters to the editor

Meditate on this

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LAURIE BRANDT, VIA EMAIL

Don't give right to loot

I am appalled by what America is now witnessing down on the streets of Baltimore. On Sunday, following some violence, the mayor the night before held a press conference at which she stated: "I have instructed [the police] to do everything that they could to make sure that the protesters were able to exercise their right to free speech. ... We also gave those who wished to destroy space to do that." I am all for giving folks the right to exercise their free speech rights but no way should anyone be given space to loot, burn and attack police officers. Her words are troubling. She seemed to be giving rioters permission to commit unbridled violence.

SAL GIARRATANI, VIA EMAIL

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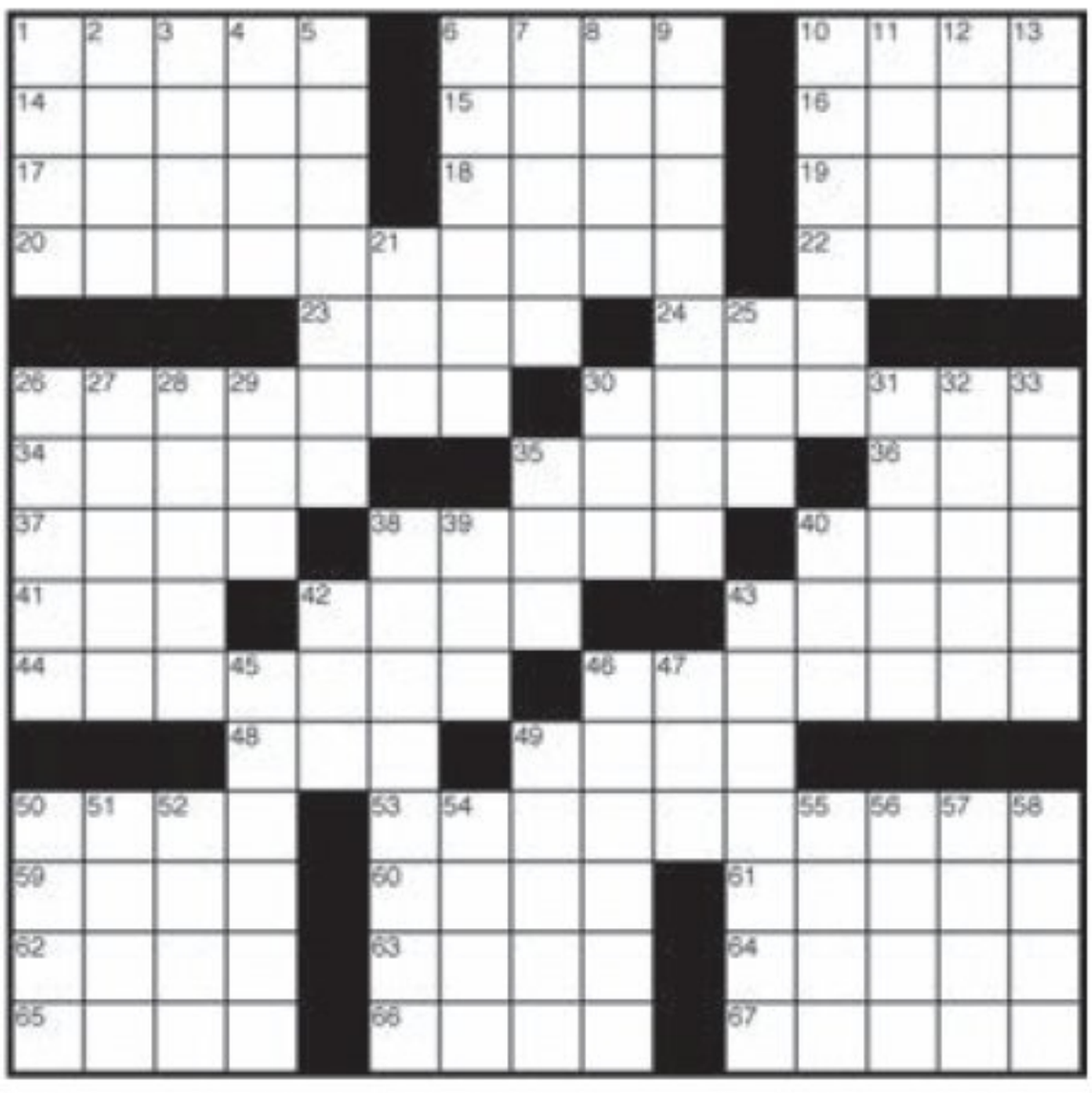

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Montco, Union soccer star ready for international test

MLS. Local soccer star Zach Pfeffer is finding success at home and abroad.

It's not often that a Union player finds success on an international level, but the Union's Zach Pfeffer is doing just that as Team USA prepares for the Under-20 World Cup, beginning on May 30.

In an international friendly against Croatia on Saturday, the 20-year-old midfielder assisted the match-winning strike by forward Romain Gall to give his team a 1-0 win.

"Any time you get called up to the national team, it's a huge honor," Pfeffer said. "It's getting into crunch time leading to the World Cup."

The call-up came at an interesting time for Pfeffer. Just two days after the call, he played in 78 minutes for the Union in a 2-1 loss to the New England Revolution. Pfeffer left for Austria to join Team USA immediately following the match.

"It's part of the profession, and I enjoy it," said Pfeffer, on the back-and-forth from the Union and Team USA. "I always want to be here and help [the Union] first and foremost, but we've got the World Cup coming up in a month."

Pfeffer was the Union's first homegrown player to sign with the team back on December 22, 2010, at the age of 15 years and 350 days. At the time, he was also the fourth youngest player ever to sign an MLS contract. Union manager Jim Curtin praised him earlier this season for his abilities.

"He's always had the ability on the offensive side of the ball," Curtin said. "He's special in that regard."

The Union only have a handful of players with international experience for Team USA. Maurice Edu, Conor Casey and Brian Carroll all registered appearances in their careers and Pfeffer is hoping to do the same. Team USA has never won a U-20 World Cup before. Their best finish came in 1989 when they lost to Nigeria in overtime in the semifinal and to Brazil in the third-place match.

Pfeffer hopes his assist in Saturday's match is enough for him to make the final roster, but he knows nothing is guaranteed. He'll be available for the Union's (1-5-3) match Saturday vs. Toronto FC (2-4-0).

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"I think, as a soccer player, it's always good to be exposed to different styles of play and different cultures. You want to be as well-rounded of a player as you can be."

3 SPORTS

Brown sent down

Phillies keep Brown in Triple-A

After struggling in his rehab assignment, Phillies outfielder Domonic Brown will remain in the minors even though his 15-day DL stint has come to an end. During his rehab, the lefty batted just .139 with one extra-base hit and six strikeouts.

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No. 2

Tigers (14-6)

Though the Yankees took 3 of 4 from them at home in the middle of last week, the Tigers quickly put that behind them as they have won three in a row.

No. 3

Royals (13-6)

The Royals and Tigers have separated themselves from the rest of the AL Central. Their plus-34 run differential is an MLB best.

No. 4

Cardinals (12-6)

Bad news came on Monday when ace Adam Wainwright was ruled out for the rest of the season with a torn Achilles.

No. 5

Yankees (12-8)

The Yankees are one of the hottest teams in baseball, having won eight of their last 10 games, and have now moved atop the AL East standings.

No. 6

Dodgers (12-7)

With Brandon McCarthy out for the year, the offense, led by Adrian Gonzalez (.382, 7 HR, 18 RBI) needs to step up.

No. 7

Astros (12-7)

Houston is not only leading the AL West, the Astros are leading the division by three after an impressive start to the year.

No. 8

Red Sox (11-9)

It's been up-and-down for the Red Sox. They have the league's worst starting rotation ERA. Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez are settling in nicely.

No. 9

Padres (11-10)

The Padres have cooled off after a hot start, but their offense is still one of the best in the game. They lead the NL with 100 runs.

No. 10

Cubs (11-7)

The Cubs have won three games in a row and are in second place in the NL Central. They boast the division's best offense.

No. 11

Rockies (11-8)

In a weird split, the Rockies are 4-5 at home but 7-3 on the road. D.J. LeMahieu is pacing the NL with a .415 average, the best in baseball.

No. 12

Pirates (11-9)

Pittsburgh owes all of its success to its starting rotation as, through the first 20 games, Pirates starters have allowed just 38 runs.

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Midwest baseball

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Phillies send Harang to hill vs. Cardinals

The Phillies resemble a respectable baseball team again as they begin the second half of their four-game set against the NL Central-leading Cardinals.

Philly sends its best pitcher (so far this year) Aaron Harang to the mound to face the Cardinals stud hurler Carlos Martinez in the 8:15 start (on ESPN).

Harang is 2-1 with a 1.37 ERA in four starts. Not to be outdone, Martinez (2-0, 1.35 ERA) has been lights out, allowing three total runs in his last three starts.

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5 Who are the best Flyers head coaches of all time?

NHL. The Flyers will have a new coach next season, and he'll no doubt be compared to these Philly greats.

The Philadelphia Flyers are on another coaching search after Craig Berube was fired last week. Whoever is hired will become the 19th coach in the organization's history and will try to measure up to some of the legendary bench generals the Flyers have had over their existence.

Here are those coaches as Metro ranks the all-time top five.

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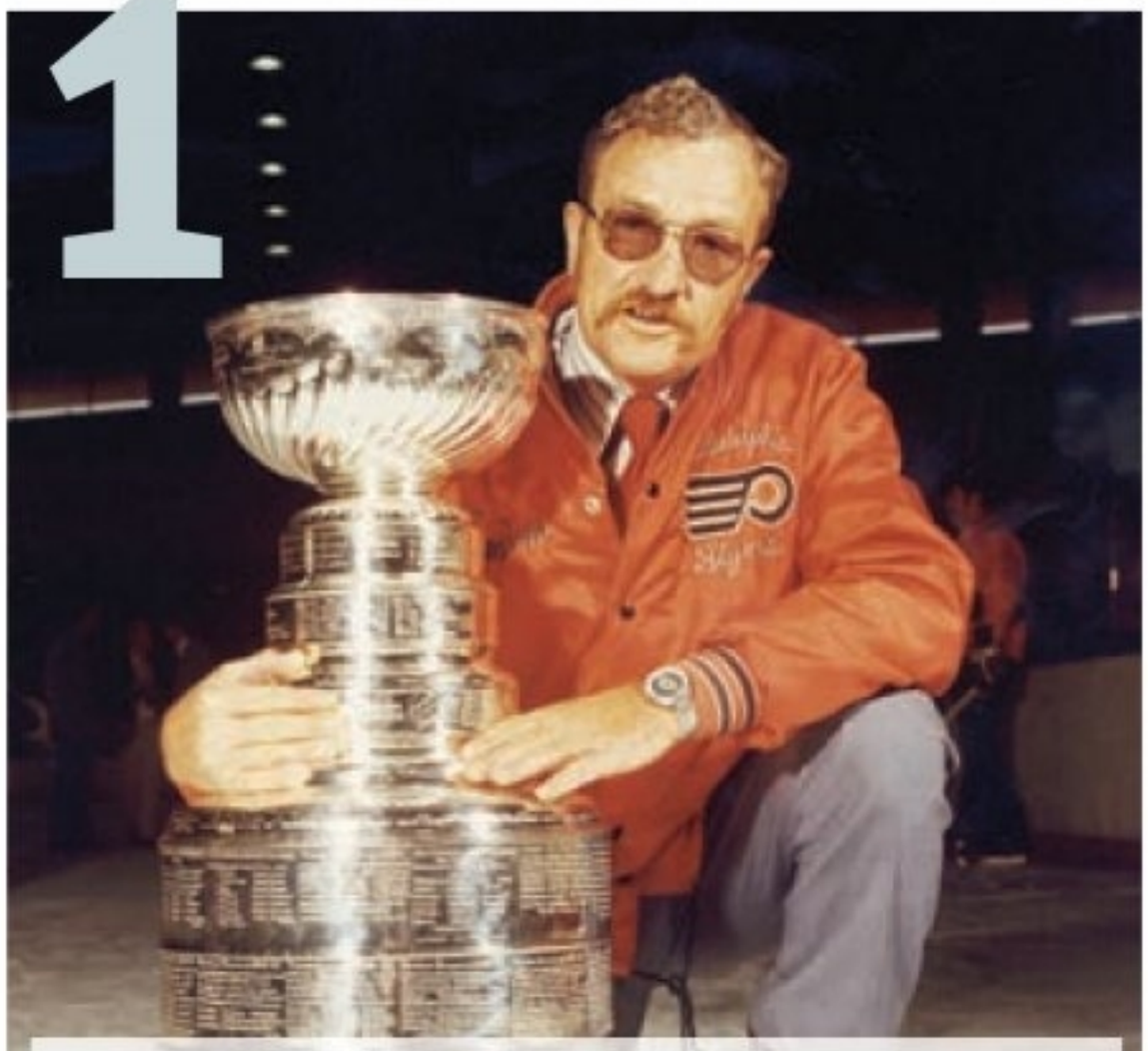
5 Pat Quinn (1979-1982)

Hired in midseason in 1979, Quinn, who passed away last November, led the team on a 35-game win streak in the 1979-80 season. He won 141 games, which ranks third, and took the Flyers to the Cup finals, where they lost to the Islanders. Quinn, who last coached with the Oilers in 2009-2010, is one of the most respected coaches in the league.

4 Mike Keenan (1984-1989)

The players who played for him have said they won in spite of him. It never bothered the fiery coach, who led the team to the Cup finals in 1985 and '87. If the Flyers didn't have to face Wayne Gretzky and the Oilers dynasty each time, Keenan may have won a Cup in Philly. Instead, he got his Cup with the Rangers in 1994. Keenan still won 190 games, which ranks him second in the organization.

1 Fred Shero (1971-78)



The organization's all-time winningest coach with 308 victories over nine season, Shero led the Flyers to their only Stanley Cup championships in 1974 and 1975.

Known as the Broad Street Bullies for their physical nature, the Flyers nearly turned the run into a three-peat under Shero but lost to Montreal the following year.

Elected to the hockey Hall of Fame posthumously in 2013 and the Flyers Hall of Fame in 1990, Shero also won four straight conference titles. He is also best remembered for writing on a blackboard before the Cup-clinching game in 1974, "Win together today, and we walk together forever."

Shero is the only Philadelphia coach to win a Stanley Cup title. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

2 Terry Murray (1994-1997)

Regardless of what he has accomplished, or will, before he retires from the ranks, Murray's career in Philly will always be overshadowed by one comment he made during the Stanley Cup finals in 1997. Following a 6-1 loss to the Red Wings in Game 3 to go down 3-0, he said, "It is a choking situation for our team right now."

Less than a week later, after the Flyers were swept, Murray was fired. He is now with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

3 Ken Hitchcock (2002-2006)

After a disastrous season with Bill Barber as coach, the players wanted a coach who was tactical and a teacher. They found both in the meticulous and quirky Hitchcock. In his three years, the Flyers won no less than 40 games and eclipsed 100 points. In his second year, the Flyers lost in seven games in the conference finals.

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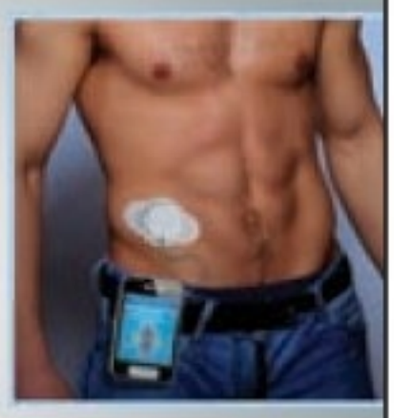

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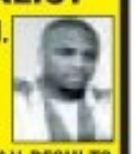

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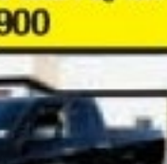

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